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SUBJECT: PRO-AMERICAN STRAWS IN THE WIND

1. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SEVERAL DECISIONS WHICH IN MY OPINION INDICATE A CONTINUED DESIRE ON ITS PART TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE US. AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN:

A. THE LIFTING ON MARCH 15 OF THE SYRIAN LABOR UNION'S BOYCOTT OF PAN AM, THUS ENABLING THE AIRLINE TO RESUME ITS SERVICE TO DAMASCUS, BROKEN DURING THE OCTOBER WAR.

B. THE SIGNING ON MARCH 14 BY THE SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY (SANA) OF A CONTRACT WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FOR THE LATTER'S TAKCER SERVICE. AP HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS CONTRACT FOR 23 YEARS.

C. PRESIDENT ASAD'S INTERVIEW IN THE MARCH 18 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE, WHICH WAS THE FIRST INTERVIEW ASAD HAS EVER GIVEN TO AN AMERICAN PUBLICATION.

D. PUBLICATION IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE SYRIAN ARMY MAGAZINE, AL-SHA'B (THE PEOPLES ARMY), OF A FULL-PAGE STORY WITH PICTURE OF THE LAST VISIT TO DAMASCUS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME COVERAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THIS MAGAZINE TO ANY OF THE SECRETARY'S VISITS. THIS PERIODICAL GOES TO ALL SYRIAN SOLDIERS, IRRESPECTIVE OF RANK.

E. PUBLICATION ON MARCH 8 IN AL-BAATH NEWSPAPER, OFFICIAL PARTY ORGAN, OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT ASAD ON THE OCCASION OF REVOLUTION DAY.
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